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SUBJECT: ITU: INVITATION TO WASHINGTON PRAYER BREAKFAST  
OF ITU OFFICIAL

1. TERREFE RAS-WORK, DIRECTOR, AFRICAN DIVISION ITU  
TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEPT., ETHIOPIAN BY NATIONALITY,  
RECEIVED IN MID-DECEMBER A MIMEOGRAPHED INVITATION TO  
ATTEND 23RD ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST ON FEBRUARY 2,  
1978 AT WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL. INVITATION, WHICH  
INDICATES PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER WILL BE PRESENT,  
WAS SENT TO RAS-WORK BY CONGRESSMAN BUNKER OF  
WASHINGTON STATE.

2. RAS-WORK, A MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIAL, THOUGHT HE WAS  
ONE OF A NUMBER OF ITU FUNCTIONARIES BEING INVITED  
BUT SUBSEQUENT INQUIRIES INDICATE HE IS THE ONLY ONE  
WHO RECEIVED SUCH AN INVITATION. MYSTERY DEEPENED  
WHEN, ON JANUARY 12, HE RECEIVED AN ENGRAVED INVITATION  
TO THE PRAYER BREAKFAST TOGETHER WITH A SEPARATE CARD  
ADMITTING HIM TO THE FUNCTION. INVITATION WAS SENT TO  
HIS HOME ADDRESS RATHER THAN TO ITU.

3. RAS-WORK'S JOB SELDOM TAKES HIM TO WASHINGTON AND  
HE HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF EVER MEETING CONGRESSMAN  
BUNKER, EITHER IN THE U.S. OR IN ETHIOPIA. HE IS  
AT A COMPLETE LOSS AS TO WHY HE HAS BEEN INVITED BUT  
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HE WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY FOR A FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON  
FOR THIS OCCASION IF IT WERE STRONGLY DESIRABLE OR  
NECESSARY THAT HE ATTEND.

4. HE ASKED IF MISSION COULD CLARIFY THIS MATTER AND  
WE ADVISED HIM WE WOULD SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION FROM  
WASHINGTON. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION

DEPT CAN PROVIDE. AS RESPONSE TO INVITATION NECESSARY  
BY JANUARY 20, RAS-WORK HAS ASKED THAT INQUIRY BE  
EXPEDITED. SORENSON

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